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In re Application of  
Kenneth G. Blemel  
Application No. 09/966,397  
Filed: September 28, 2001  
Attorney Docket No.

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: DECISION ON PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 15, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, March 23, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 24, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment with drawings, (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to April Wise at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2857 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

  
Irvin Dingle  
Petitions Examiner  
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